MORTON GROVE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2021 - JANUARY 2022

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

With the end of the year in sight, we thought it would be fun to see how you used the Library in the past year.

259,842
Total items checked out*

Most popular book:
Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls
by Dav Pilkey

Most popular movie:
Mulan (2020)

Most popular video game:
Mario Kart 8 Deluxe

25,167
Total attendance at Library events

28,448
Total questions asked at our public desks

53,538
guests walked through our doors in the last year!

*Data collected from November 2020 to October 2021, from our physical and digital collection.

One Book, One Village
Our inaugural community reading program featured the award-winning 2018 novel *The Great Believers* and an in-person visit with author Rebecca Makkai. Learn more: **mgpl.org/onebook**

Civic Engagement
Our staff created a hub for resources related to Antiracism, Disability Awareness, LGBTQ+, and other topics to encourage social awareness and advance civic engagement within the community. Learn more: **mgpl.org/civics**

LitLoot
We began offering this bimonthly literary subscription box service for teens, which includes selected books and other free goodies. Learn more: **mgpl.org/events**

The Zine Project
We started a collection of short, creative, handmade zines by and for middle-schoolers, available on display in the Middle School area.

YOUTH SERVICES **RENOVATION**

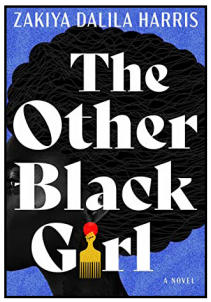
A long-awaited renovation to the Youth Services department created a new Picture Book Room, Middle School Space, Activity Room, and a beautifully modernized space for Morton Grove's kids and families. Learn more: **mgpl.org/renovation**

2021 BEST BOOKS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED

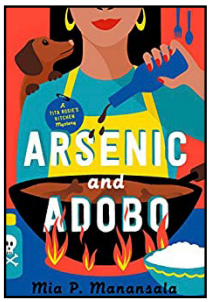
Looking for a last-minute gift? Not sure what to read next?
Our "2021 Books You Might Have Missed" guide features recommended reads from MGPL staff.
Get the full guide in print at the Info Desk and online at **mgpl.org/guide** starting December 1.

MYSTERY & THRILLER

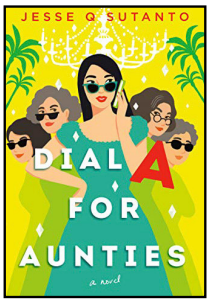
Dead Dead Girls
by Nekesa Afia



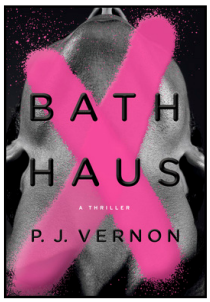
The Other Black Girl
by Zakiya Dalila Harris



Arsenic and Adobo
by Mia P. Manansala

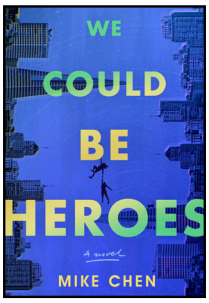


Dial A For Aunties
by Jesse Q. Sutanto

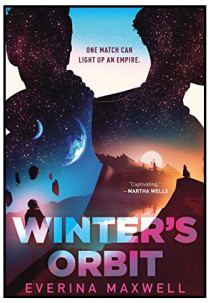


Bath Haus
by P.J. Vernon

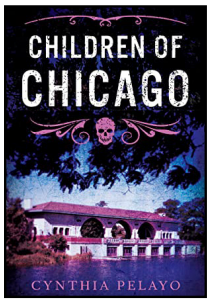
SCIENCE FICTION, FANTASY & HORROR



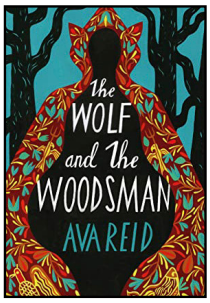
We Could Be Heroes
by Mike Chen



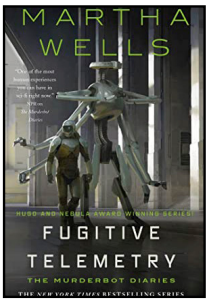
Winter's Orbit
by Everina Maxwell



Children of Chicago
by Cynthia Pelayo

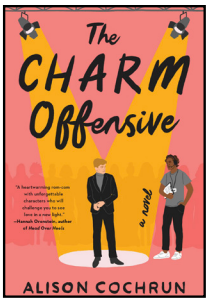


The Wolf and the Woodsman
by Ava Reid

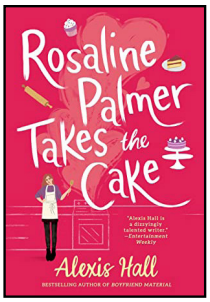


Fugitive Telemetry
by Martha Wells

ROMANCE

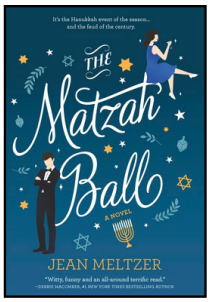


The Charm Offensive
by Alison Cochrun

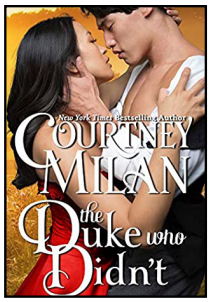


Rosaline Palmer Takes the Cake
by Alexis Hall

One Last Stop
by Casey McQuiston



The Matzah Ball
by Jean Meltzer



The Duke Who Didn't
by Courtney Milan

WINTER BREAK FUN

Birth - Grade 8

Saturday, Dec. 18 - Sunday, Jan. 2

This winter break, spend time reading, playing, creating, and having fun with us. Each participating family will receive a winter break bundle filled with reading logs, activities to do at home together, a prize book for each child, and other library goodies. Preregister starting December 1 at **mgpl.org/winter** for a no-fuss pickup of your winter break bundle. In-library and curbside pickup of materials begins on December 15.

StoryWalk

Bundle up and head to the Library for some outdoor family fun. The pages of a book are arranged on numbered signs around the building. Take a stroll and enjoy the story at your own pace.

December: *Winter Dance* by Marion Dane Bauer

January: *Ten Ways to Hear Snow* by Cathy Camper

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

Short Creative Works by/for YOU

Visit the new Middle School area to view the collection and learn how to submit your own zine.

STEMonade Stand

Stop by the STEMonade Stand located at our Lincoln Avenue entrance for project kits to do at home. Each kit is sealed inside a zip-top bag with instructions and STEM connections. For more information and weekly updates on projects, visit **mgpl.org/stemonade**. When life gives you lemons, make STEMonade.

REGISTRATION begins November 15 for December events and December 15 for January events unless otherwise noted.

Storytimes

ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Visit the Library's Facebook page to watch live and on demand.

Bedtime Stories & More
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, Dec. 6 and Jan. 3, 7-7:20 pm
Wind down for bed with a story or two.

Listen Up!
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Tuesdays, 10-10:20 am
Listen to stories, sing songs, and more as Ms. Amy brings the Library to your home.

Wee Read
Birth to Age 2 with a parent/caregiver
Fridays, 10-10:15 am (no storytime Dec. 24 & 31)
Meet Ms. Debbie online for a song, a rhyme, a story, and more.

IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM

All storytime participants should be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Only registrants and one adult/caregiver will be allowed in the Activity Room during programs. Registration is required. **R**

Toddler Time
Ages 24-36 months
Wednesdays, Dec. 1-15 and Jan. 5-19, 10-10:30 am

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3-5
Thursdays, Dec. 2-16 and Jan. 6-20, 10-10:30 am

Tots Dealing with Big Feelings
Ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver
Wednesday, Jan. 26, 10-10:30 am
Learn how to manage feelings through stories, songs, and activities and leave this storytime with strategies to handle overwhelming emotions. This session's theme: Kindness & Empathy.

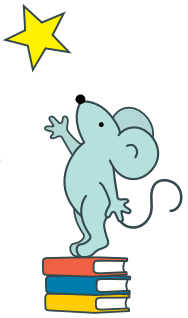
Until we can see you again for *all* of our programs, we have put together a fun lineup of both online and in-person programs for your little ones.

In-person events and mask requirements are subject to change based on Restore Illinois guidelines, so visit **mgpl.org/covid19** for the most up-to-date information.

NOON Year's Eve Storytime

(Online) All Ages
Friday, Dec. 31, 11:30 am - 12:15 pm
Ring in the NOON year with friends on Zoom! We'll read stories, sing songs, and count down to 2022 with cheer. Pick up your bag of Noon Year's Eve goodies before the program from the Youth Services desk. (Zoom) **R**

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Storytime (Online)
Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, Jan. 27, 10-10:30 am
A special storytime event for participants of our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. We'll read stories, share our favorite books, and more. Learn more and sign up at **mgpl.org/1000books**. (Zoom) **R**



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY STORYTIME

Ages 3-6 with a parent/caregiver
Monday, Jan. 17, 10-10:30 am
Join us in the Activity Room for a special storytime about kindness and making a difference in the world around us. **R**

KIDS

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Online kids events are held using free Zoom software on your internet-connected device (computer, smartphone, or tablet) unless otherwise noted. An email with instructions on how to join the event will be sent to registrants the day before the event.

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Craftin' Around
Grades 4-8
Wednesdays, 7-8 pm
Dec. 1: Faux Stained-Glass Art
Jan. 5: Snowman Bowling
Join us for an evening of craft-tastic fun! **R**

DIY Sharpie Mugs
Grades 5-8
Monday, Dec. 6, 4-5 pm
Design your own mug as a gift or just for you. **R**

Brain Bytes (Online)
Fridays, Dec. 10 and Jan. 7
Brain Bytes is our series of video shorts featuring math puzzles and brain games. To watch, visit the Library's social media or YouTube channel at **youtube.com/mortongrovepubliclibrary**.

Crafty Saturday
All Ages
Saturdays, Dec. 11 and Jan. 8, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Pick up supplies from the Youth Services desk to make a seasonal craft while supplies last.

Folk & Fairy Tales
Preschool to Grade 2
Thursdays, Dec. 16 and Jan. 20, 4-4:45 pm
An entertaining storytime focused on a traditional folk or fairy tale, then all mixed up with silly, exciting, or wacky versions of the tale. **R**

Chess Academy (Online)
Grades 1-8
Thursdays, Dec. 16 and Jan. 20, 7-8 pm
Learn how to play chess with chess master Chris Christmas. All skill levels welcome. Create your free lichess.org account prior to playing. (Zoom) **R**

Jr. Escape Room (Online)
Grades 1-3
Wednesday, Dec. 22, 4-5 pm
Thursday, Jan. 13, 4:30-5:30 pm

Escape Room (Online)
Grades 4-8
Tuesday, Dec. 21, 4-5 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 25, 4:30-5:30 pm

Join us in the Zoom Room of Doom for a virtual locked-room challenge. The only escape is to conquer all the puzzles. Together, we will use our STEAM skills to problem-solve our way to freedom. Be sure to have scratch paper and pencil handy. (You may bring a reading assistant if needed.) (Zoom) **R**

LEGO Builders (Online)
Grades K-8
Mondays, Dec. 20 and Jan. 17, 6:30-7:30 pm
Get out your LEGO or other favorite building materials and take the challenge to create something during our Zoom meetup. You can also show-and-tell any awesome creations you have been building recently. (Zoom) **R**

Mini Masterpieces
Grades 1-3
Wednesday, Dec. 22, 10:30-11:15 am
Create like the great artists! We will look at the artwork of well-known artists and then use them as inspiration to create our own works of art. This session's artist: Romare Bearden. **R**

Nintendo Switch Gaming: *Mario Kart* (Online)
Grades 3-6, **2-3 pm**
Grades 6-8, **3:30-4:30 pm**
Wednesday, Dec. 22
Play *Mario Kart* on your Nintendo Switch while chatting with your friends from the Library! Required for online play: ownership of a Nintendo Switch gaming console, *Mario Kart*, and a Nintendo Switch Online membership. (Zoom) **R**

Family Engineering Night
All Ages
Thursday, Dec. 23, 7-7:45 pm: The Archimedes Screw
Thursday, Jan. 27, 7-7:45 pm: Laser Mazes
Once a month, we turn a STEM idea into an engineering project. Projects are intended for school-aged kids and above, though younger children might be interested in participating with a grownup. **R**

(Online) Family
Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2-2:45 pm
Mr. Kovac conjures up entertaining feats of illusion involving newspapers, numbers, secret envelopes, and the world's most impossible card tricks. (Zoom) **R**

LitLoot Middle School
Grades 6-8
January 1-14
LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other goodies. To subscribe for January's box, register between January 1-14. We'll contact you when boxes are ready for pickup at the end of the month. Subscriptions are limited, so register early. Library card required. **R**

(Online) Family
Monday, Jan. 17, 2-2:45 pm
The Great Boodini astounds with his dynamic mix of gravity-defying juggling and LED lights, creating a fun display of colors and patterns. (Zoom) **R**

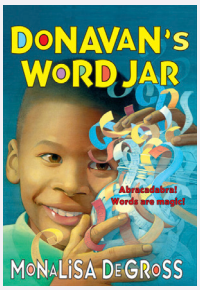
Drama Club
Grades 1-8
Tuesday, Jan. 18, 7-8 pm
Bring out your inner drama queen or king and get creative with acting, improv, and theater games. **R**

Doodle Inspiration
Grades 3-8
Tuesday, Jan. 25, 7-8 pm
Create your own art after being inspired by art and design history. Learn about the creative process, idea journals, and much more. **R**

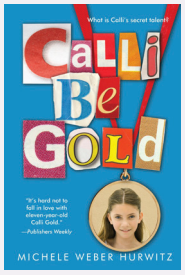
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Registration opens for each book club event on December 1. After you register, pick up your free copy of the book of the month at the Youth Services Desk.

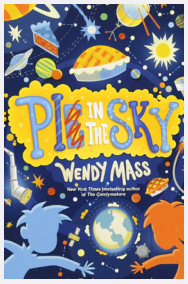
Family Reads
Grades 1-3
Monday, Jan. 24, 6:45-7:30 pm
Read the book of the month aloud at home with your family. Then bring a grown-up with you to discuss and explore the story with a hands-on activity. This month's book: *Donavan's Word Jar* by Monalisa DeGross. **R**



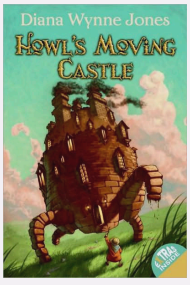
Mother-Daughter Book Club
Grades 4-6
Monday, Jan. 10, 7-8 pm
Bring your mother (or favorite female grown-up) with you for a lively discussion and activities connected to the book of the month: *Calli Be Gold* by Michele Weber Hurwitz. The author will join us in person to answer questions, share background about the book, and discuss why kids identify with Calli. **R**



Guys Read
Grades 4-6
Wednesday, Jan. 19, 7-8 pm
Team up with your favorite grown-up for discussion and activities featuring the book of the month: *Pi in the Sky* by Wendy Mass. **R**



Books & Beyond
Grades 6-8
Thursday, Jan. 6, 6-8 pm
Read the book and then come to the library to watch the movie based on the book. This month's book: *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones. **R**



TEENS

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LitLoot
Grades 9-12
December 1-13
LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other goodies.

To subscribe for December's box, register at **mgpl.org/events** and then wait to hear from us. Boxes will be ready for pickup at the end of December. Subscriptions are limited, so register early. Library card required. R

Finals Study Block
Tuesday, Dec. 14, 4-8:30 pm
Need a quiet spot without distractions to study for finals? Use our reserved study rooms or tables set up in the Baxter Auditorium to study solo or in a group. Our librarians are ready to help with research questions and general info.

Teen Service Project: Tie Blankets & Dog Toys
Saturday, Jan. 22, 2-3 pm
Looking for a fun way to earn an hour of volunteer work? Come to the Library to make fleece tie blankets and dog toys for Wright-Way Animal Rescue, with special guest Echo the therapy dog. R

ADULTS

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SENIOR ACTIVITY KITS

Stay busy and keep your brain active with Senior Activity Kits, which include fun and creative activities for seniors along with informational materials. Available on the first of each month at the Info Desk while supplies last.

ADULT ESL LITERACY KITS

Practice English with monthly ESL Literacy Kits for adults. Each kit may contain vocabulary puzzles, idioms, suggested activities, or a short reading exercise, along with the monthly issue of *Easy English News* newspaper. Suitable for all skill levels. Available on the first of each month at the Info Desk while supplies last.

Social SENIORS

Join us for a variety of fun activities in the Baxter Auditorium. Seating is limited, so guarantee your spot by registering ahead of time. **R**

Bingo
Wednesday, Dec. 1 and Jan. 5, 10-11 am
Socialize while playing this fun game. Small prizes will be awarded to those who Bingo!

Arts & Crafts
Wednesdays, 10-11 am
Dec. 8: Book Page Mosaic
Jan. 12: Pine Cone Bird Feeder
Tap into your inner creativity with a fun and easy craft project.

Coloring & Brain Puzzles
Wednesdays, Dec. 15 and Jan. 19, 10-11 am
Relieve stress and stimulate your brain. Coloring supplies and puzzles will be provided.

Wits Workout
Wednesdays, Dec. 22 and Jan. 26, 10-11 am
Maintain and enhance your cognitive function and memory with this interactive program.

HEALTHY LIVING

Tai Chi (Online)
Mondays, Dec. 6 and 20, Jan. 3 and 17, 9:30-10:15 am
Certified tai chi instructor Erica Bough demonstrates Shibashi body movements, breathing exercises, and meditation to help restore balance, flexibility and reduce stress. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. (Zoom) **R**

Chair Yoga (Online)
Fridays in December, 10-11 am
January dates TBD
Practice seated poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga available, led by certified yoga instructor Cher Walter. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfy clothes. (Zoom) **R**

Pearl Harbor: A Day of Infamy (Online)
Wednesday, Dec. 1, 7-8 pm
Battlefield expert Robert Mueller reviews why and how Japan almost wiped out the U.S. Pacific Fleet in the most treacherous assault ever launched upon American soil. (Zoom) **R**

'Tis the Season: Holiday Traditions from Radio's Golden Age (Online)
Thursday, Dec. 9, 7-8 pm
From Jack Benny's annual shopping trips to Lionel Barrymore's portrayal of Ebenezer Scrooge, presenter Steve Darnall spotlights classic seasonal sounds from the "Golden Age" of radio to spur the imagination and share a bit of Yuletide spirit. (Zoom) **R**

Crafting for Charity
Saturdays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8 and 22, 9:30-11:30 am
Create handmade knitted and crocheted crafts for local organizations. Please bring your needles and/or hooks and some acrylic yarn. Seating is limited, so guarantee your spot by registering ahead of time. **R**

Searching for South America (Hybrid)
Sunday, Jan. 9, 2-3 pm
World traveler Brian Michalski shares photos and stories from his South American adventures trekking the Amazon rainforest and Inca Trail, navigating to Patagonia, and learning Spanish along the way. **Attendees can register for limited in-person seating or watch the livestreamed event from home.** **R**

The Financial Aid Process (Online)
Tuesday, Jan. 11, 7-8 pm
Jack Hosek, representative from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), outlines how financial aid works, how to apply for it, and how it can be used to help pay for college. (Zoom) **R**

Name That Tune (Online & Phone)
Wednesday, Jan. 12, 10-10:30 am
In this virtual version of Name That Tune, participants listen (over the phone or via Zoom) to snippets of music from the good old days, then guess the name of the song. **R**

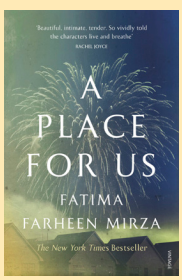
Legends & Folklore of Winter (Online)
Monday, Jan. 17, 7-8 pm
Author Chad Lewis presents strange tales from our coldest season, including cannibalistic spirits, Krampus the anti-Santa Claus, werewolves, witches, people being buried alive, and other holiday traditions for the darkest days of the year. (Zoom) **R**

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
Book Picks

Visit our Civic Engagement hub at **mgpl.org/civics** for staff-curated lists of resources related to a variety of topics.

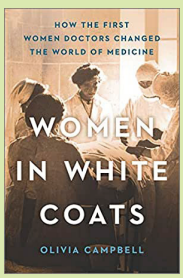
Not sure where to begin? We've selected a few titles to help you get started.

Immigrants & Refugees



A Place for Us by Fatima Farheen Mirza

Gender

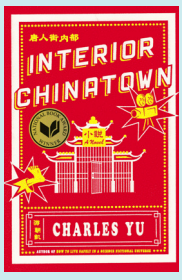


Women in White Coats by Olivia Campbell

LGBTQ

Black Boy Out of Time by Hari Ziyad

Antiracism



Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu

ADULTS

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In-person events and mask requirements are subject to change based on Restore Illinois guidelines, visit **mgpl.org/covid19** for the most up-to-date information.

Kanopy Club (Online)

Watch the movie before the meeting using Kanopy, the library's free online movie streaming service, or contact the Library to borrow the DVD. Then join us for a discussion moderated by two movie-loving librarians. (Zoom) **R**

Memento
Thursday, Jan. 20, 7-8 pm
A man with short-term memory loss attempts to track down his wife's murderer. (2000, R, 1 hr 53 min)

TV's Greatest Game Shows (Online)

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 10-11 am
Take a trip down memory lane with historian Tim Wilsey as we explore television's greatest game shows and what made them so popular. (Zoom) **R**

Cutting the Cable Cord (Online)

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 7-8 pm
Michael Gershbein of Very Smart People discusses various options available for people who are interested in cutting the cable cord, including Amazon, Netflix, Roku, and Apple TV. (Zoom) **R**

Simple Decorative Wreath (Online)

Saturday, Jan. 29, 10-11:30 am
MGPL's Lead Graphic Designer Karina Guico shows how to make a simple wreath using an embroidery hoop and other embellishments. Registrants will be provided necessary supplies (except scissors). **R**

Exploring Spices (Online)

Explore spices from around the world in this flavorful monthly program. Pick up the spice of the month and then discover the taste by making any dish you choose. At the end of the month, we will meet over Zoom to share results and experiences. **R**

Southern Spain Pinchito Spice
Sunday, Jan. 30, 2-3 pm (pickup starts Jan. 2)

TUESDAY MOVIES @ MGPL

Seating is limited, so guarantee your spot by registering ahead of time. **R**

Here Today
Tuesday, Dec. 7, 10 am - 12 pm
When veteran comedy writer Charlie Burnz meets street singer Emma Payge, they form an unlikely yet hilarious friendship that redefines the meaning of love and trust. Cast: Billy Crystal, Dierdre Friel (2021, PG-13, 1 hr 57 min)

Murder on the Orient Express
Tuesday, Jan. 4, 10 am - 12 pm
In 1930s Europe, legendary detective Hercule Poirot probes a murder that occurs aboard the Orient Express and realizes there's more to the case than meets the eye. Cast: Kenneth Branagh, Penelope Cruz (2017, PG-13, 1 hr 54 min)

Finding You
Tuesday, Dec. 21, 10 am - 12 pm
Violinist Finley Sinclair travels to an Irish coastal village to begin her semester studying abroad and encounters the movie star Beckett Rush. Cast: Katherine McNamara, Saoirse-Monica Jackson (2021, PG, 2 hr)

Nomadland
Tuesday, Jan. 18, 10-11:45 am AND 6:30-8:15 pm
In the wake of the Great Recession, an aging woman who lost her livelihood begins a solo expedition through the western United States in a van. Cast: Frances McDormand, David Strathairn (2020, R, 1 hr 45 min)

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Excel for Beginners: Creating a Budget (Online)
Thursday, Jan. 6, 10-11 am
Learn how to make a basic household budget in Excel. (Zoom) **R**

Best Organization Apps to Simplify Your Life (Online)
Tuesday, Jan. 11, 10-11 am
Discover a variety of apps that can help you organize and simplify your life. (Zoom) **R**

Tech Talk: Device Security (Online)
Thursday, Jan. 13, 2-2:30 pm
Learn some of the steps you can take to secure your phone or tablet. (Zoom) **R**

Gmail Basics (Online)
Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2-3 pm
Learn the basics of Gmail, including filters, signatures, and more. (Zoom) **R**

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Want to learn a technology thing? From learning the ropes on a new smartphone to figuring out how to perform a specific task in a piece of software (like VLOOKUP in Excel), we are here to help. Morton Grove cardholders can make an appointment to meet with a librarian. Fill out a request at **mgpl.org/book-a-librarian** or call us at 847-965-4220 to get started.

HOME MOVIE CONVERSION

Find a box of old home videos while cleaning out the house? The Library is offering free home movie conversion for Morton Grove residents. Schedule an appointment to drop off your home VHS tapes and Library staff will convert them to DVD for you! Limited to two VHS tapes per month.

Book Picks
Looking for your next great read? Fill out the form at **mgpl.org/book-picks** to receive a customized list of suggested books from our librarians. Don't have a computer? No problem—we are happy to give suggestions over the phone or in person as well.

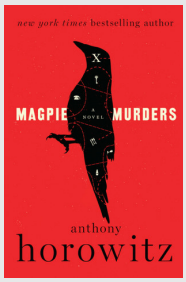
BOOK TALKS

Join us at the Library for our monthly book talk. Registration required. Bring your library card as books will be available for checkout. **R**

Armchair Travel
Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1-2 pm
January may be freezing cold, but we plan to escape the snow with this list of books set in much friendlier climates.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Between the Lines (Online)
Between the Lines meets over the phone via Zoom. Titles are always available on Hoopla, as well as other library ebook platforms. Registered patrons will receive a call the day before the program with the meeting ID and password for joining the event. Call 312-626-6799 five minutes before the start of the program and enter the meeting ID and password. **R**



Favorite Book of 2021
Tuesday, Dec. 28, 7-8 pm
Rather than read and discuss a specific book, come prepared to talk about your favorite book (or books) you read in 2021.

Magpie Murders
by Anthony Horowitz
Tuesday, Jan. 25, 7-8 pm

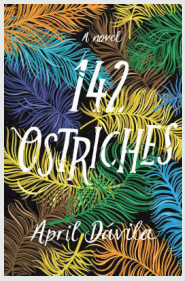
Book Chat (Online)
Looking for something more casual than a traditional book discussion? Chat over the phone or via Zoom with your fellow book lovers about whatever you're reading, listening to, and otherwise enjoying. **R**

BOOK CHAT

Thursday, Dec. 16, 10-11 am
Thursday, Jan. 20, 10-11 am

International Book Chat (Online)
Saturday, Jan. 15, 10-11 am
Join us for another international edition of our monthly book chat as we team up with Inspire - Culture, Learning and Libraries in Nottinghamshire, England. (Zoom) **R**

LitLounge (Online)
Titles are always available on Hoopla, as well as other library ebook platforms. Registered patrons will receive a confirmation email with information on how to join the meeting. **R**



Litera-Cheers: The Best of 2021
Wednesday, Dec. 8, 7:30-8:30 pm
Rather than discussing a single book this month, we're talking about our many favorite books (and TV shows, movies, podcasts, and more) from 2021 and sharing recommendations from your fellow LitLoungers.

142 Ostriches by April Davila
Wednesday, Jan. 12, 7:30-8:30 pm

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CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS
Events are subject to change and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Call the Library at 847-965-4220 to confirm scheduled events.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

December 24-25 for Christmas
December 31 (closing at 5 pm)
January 1 for New Year's Day

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Help us light up the Library to welcome the New Year.

Pick up a kit at the Info Desk to create a paper lantern decorated with good wishes and encouragement. Returned lanterns will be safely lit up outside in the front of the Library on Saturday, Jan. 1, from 5-10 pm.

CARDS OF KINDNESS

Last fall, as part of Together Morton Grove, the Library began Cards of Kindness for patrons to send uplifting and caring messages to senior citizens and those most in need of maintaining social connections in the community.

Stop by the Info Desk to pick up an envelope and add your own inspirational, encouraging, or friendly message. This is an ongoing project, so make as many as you'd like!